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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER, SELECTMEN,

OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

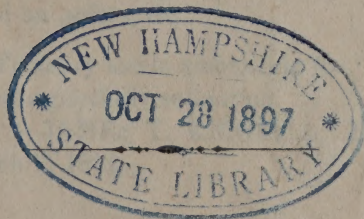
AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF BEDFORD,

1861-62.



MANCHESTER, N. H. :

AMERICAN STEAM PRINTING WORKS OF GAGE & FARNSWORTH.
1862.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows :

Received Assets from Treasurer, 1860,	\$1,540 29
Rent of Town Hall,	2 50
Highway tax on T. A. Goff's Estate,	12 60
Town tax assessed for 1861,	1,602 44
Literary fund,	80 70
Arrearage on T. A. Goff's highway tax, for 1859,	13 70
Tax collected but not reckoned in list 1860,	1 56
Interest on William Patten's note,	36 06
Railroad tax,	123 42
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	\$3,413 27

The Treasurer credits himself as follows:

By Joseph H. Stevens' note,	\$194 00
Paid wives and mothers of volunteers,	126 08
Paid on orders,	1,675 47
Due from Collector, 1861,	757 93
Cash on hand,	659 79
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	\$3,413 27
Deduct paid on orders, &c.	1,801 55

Leaving in the Treasury assets amounting to \$1,611 72
All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES T. KENDALL, *Treasurer.*

Bedford, March 1, 1862.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

The whole amount of expenditures for which bills have been paid and orders drawn the past year, is as follows :

Amount of orders given for incidental expenses,	\$1,236 54
“ “ “ highways and bridges,	188 20
“ “ “ breaking roads,	250 73
State and County taxes, which were paid by the Collector to the state and county treasurers,	900 16
Whole amount of school money, which was paid by the collector to the several Prudential Committees,	989 64

The whole amounting to the sum of \$3,565 27

Account of orders for incidental expenses for the year 1861-62.

William R. French for services as Selectman, 1860,	\$59 50
Lucien B. Bowman, “ “ “	45 00
William McAllaster, “ “ “	15 75
Thomas Savage, “ “ School Committee,	20 00
L. B. Bowman, paid for printing town reports,	18 00
John P. Conner, for services as constable,	5 00
Benjamin Hall for services as Town Clerk,	21 55
James T. Kendall, paid Teachers' Institute,	17 88
L. B. Bowman, paid for town officer,	1 25
H. R. French, paid for chairs and figures,	2 13
Willard Parker, for bringing paupers to farm,	8 78
William A. Flint, for services at poor farm,	46 58
Daniel Barnard, for care of town-house,	4 00
James T. Kendall, paid interest on N. Flint's note,	24 00
H. R. French, for highway warrants,	2 00
L. B. Bowman, for collector's book,	67
J. T. Kendall, paid interest on N. Wilson's note,	210 00
“ “ for school record book,	75
Griggs Holbrook, for error in tax,	1 46
J. T. Kendall, for error in tax,	6 83
“ abatement on his tax list 1860,	18 04
“ “ “ “ “	7 70
“ paid N. Wilson, on her note,	300 00
“ paid A. Houston, on her note,	68 00

L. B. Bowman, for guide boards,	2 75
H. R. French, iron for town-house,	5 40
L. B. Bowman, paid N. Wilson for bal. of interest,	9 07
James T. Kendall, paid C. Gage, interest on note,	12 00
Daniel Barnard for labor on town hall and lumber,	9 00
Charles Gage, " " "	7 05
J. T. Kendall, nails for town house,	1 00
" error in tax list, 1861,	2 48
Wm. McAllaster, for labor on town hall and lime,	1 50
H. R. French, for labor on town hall,	75
Wm. A. Philbrick, labor and materials for town hall,	25 00
Geo. W. Riddle, paid for doors and iron, " "	5 25
Lorenzo Carr, for labor on town hall,	75
James McPerson, " "	1 25
Elvira Walker, care of pall cloth,	1 00
Benj. Hall, for recording births, deaths, &c.,	8 69
Solomon Manning, 2d, watering trough,	3 00
L. B. Bowman, paid for stationery,	95
J. T. Kendall, for discount on his tax list, 1861,	173 67
" for collecting taxes in 1861,	61 11
Total,	<hr/> \$1,236 54

PROPORTION OF SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1861.

Paid by the Collector to the several Prudential Committees, as follows :

District No. 1.	George E. Woodbury,	\$86 63
" " 2.	Willard Parker,	115 30
" " 3.	Thomas G. Worthley,	86 18
" " 4.	R. M. Rollins,	128 40
" " 5.	Wm. Bailey,	57 24
" " 6.	Ephraim Heald,	81 22
" " 7.	David H. Barr,	86 06
" " 8.	David Witherspoon,	98 17
" " 9.	Wm. R. French,	53 56
" " 10.	Isaac C. Cutler,	88 74
" " 11.	William O. Noyes,	29 57
" " 12.	Benjamin Nichols,	60 01
Union,	Samuel M. Swett,	18 56
Total,		<hr/> \$989 64

ORDERS GIVEN FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES,
1861-62.

T. C. Cochran, for damage on mountain road,	4 00
James T. Kendall, for N. R. highway taxes worked,	91
“ “ “ “	2 90
Daniel Barnard, for labor on highway, 1860,	1 00
Sewall Stratton, for blasting stone, 1859,	50
James T. Kendall, for N. R. highway tax worked,	1 80
“ “ discount on T. A. Goffs' tax, '61,	1 00
“ “ labor on highway,	1 98
Wm. Moor, for working N. R. highway taxes,	2 84
John G. Vose, for repairing N. B. road,	40 75
James T. Kendall, for N. R. highway taxes worked,	18
Wm. Moor, 2d, for labor on highway, 1861,	1 86
D. Witherspoon and E. G. Tolford, for repairing N. B. road,	57 00
James T. Kendall, for N. R. highway taxes worked,	1 44
Wm. McAllaster, for repairing bridge in Vose Dist.,	5 00
“ “ for labor on Wallace bridge,	12 00
H. R. French, “ “ “	14 00
James Gardner, “ “ “	6 25
Wm. R. French, “ “ “	5 00
James T. Kendall, for N. R. highway taxes worked,	81
James T. Kendall, for N. R. highway taxes worked,	3 63
James T. Kendall, for discount on T. A. Goffs' H. tax,	1 04
James T. Kendall, for N. R. highway taxes worked,	1 62
James T. Kendall, for N. R. highway taxes worked,	90
James T. Kendall, for N. R. highway taxes worked,	3 87
Wm. R. French, for labor on road in Manning's Dist.,	3 50
David Witherspoon, for labor on Gilmore Hill,	3 50
George W. Riddle, for labor on Wallace bridge,	1 50
James T. Kendall, for N. R. highway taxes worked,	7 42
Total,	<u>\$188 20</u>

ORDERS GIVEN FOR BREAKING ROADS IN 1861-62

Dwelly Mitchell,	breaking roads,	13 74
Rufus Parkhurst,	“ “	22 70
Wm. McAllaster,	“ “	20 70
James McFerson,	“ “	1 00
Wm. D. Ferson,	“ “	7 15
Wm. P. Worthley,	“ “	18 35
Wm. R. French,	“ “	2 00
Sewall Stratton,	“ “	4 30
John P. Conner,	“ “	1 00
D. M. K. Philips,	“ “	4 00
Moses Gage,	“ “	15 50
Robert Houston,	“ “	4 95
John Lougee,	“ “	11 07
Isaac C. Cutler,	“ “	1 50
Dwelly Mitchell,	“ “	1 50
Wm. Moor,	“ “	5 50
Wm. McAllaster,	“ “	2 00
Jacob W. Jefts,	“ “	1 05
James Gardner,	“ “	1 00
George W. Riddle,	“ “	3 57
Daniel G. Atwood,	“ “	25 73
Wm. Bailey,	“ “	4 90
Benjamin Hall,	“ “	15 50
Solomon Manning, 2d,	“ “	7 17
Paul T. Campbell,	“ “	3 95
Albert E. Boyce,	“ “	7 35
E. G. Tolford,	“ “	11 80
L. C. French, 2d,	“ “	13 75
T. N. Gage,	“ “	11 50
Rufus Parkhurst,	“ “	3 90
H. R. French,	“ “	2 60
Total,		<hr/> \$250 73

TOWN DEBT, MARCH 1, 1862.

Date of Notes.	To whom Payable,	Interest Due.	Amount.
Aug. 9, 1857,	S. Ferguson,	\$3 33	\$100 00
Jan. 19, 1858,	A. Houston,	40	83 65
Oct. 18, 1858,	C. Gage,	4 36	200 00
Aug. 9, 1859,	S. Ferguson,	3 33	100 00
April 12, 1859,	N. Flint,	21 13	400 00
" " "	W. A. Flint,	26 50	500 00
Nov. 11, 1861,	J. A. McGaw,	18 00	1000 00
" 16, 1861,	J. A. McGaw,	39 10	2300 00
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		\$116 15	\$4,683 65

Principal and interest due on borrowed money, 4,799 80

Due town officers and other expenditures for
which orders have not been drawn, 250 00

\$5,049 80

Available means in the hands of the Treasurer,
March 1, 1862. \$1,611 72

leaving the town in debt to the amount of \$3,438 08

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LUCIEN B. BOWMAN,	} <i>Selectmen of Bedford.</i>
WILLIAM McALLASTER,	
HUGH R. FRENCH,	

Bedford, March 1, 1862.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

The Overseer of the Poor in the town of Bedford, submits the following Report of the Income and Expenditures of the town Farm, from Feb. 20, 1861, to Feb. 20, 1862.

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Feb. 20, to interest on the cost of Farm,	145 98
Stock on hand,	1,008 00
Hay on hand,	407 00
Produce & provisions on hand,	396 48

Cash paid Superintendent,	160 00
Cash paid Overseer,	20 00
Merrill & Bailey, store bill,	84 52
Various articles bo't of different persons,	79 62
Paid for farming tools, hardware, &c.,	21 78
Paid for hired help,	144 99
Blacksmith bill,	9 29
Doctor's bill,	23 82
Two coffins and robes,	10 75
Saw bill,	12 33

Whole amount of debt, \$2,524 56
Feb. 20, 1862. Cr.

By one horse,	85 00
2 yoke of oxen,	195 00
8 cows,	240 00
3 heifers,	55 00
2 two year old steers,	36 00
1 bull,	20 00
5 yearlings,	48 00
3 shoats,	50 00
20 fowls,	8 00
30½ tons English hay,	427 00
8 tons stock hay,	56 00
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180 bushels corn,	162 00
3½ bushels snap corn,	3 15
11 1-2 bushels beans,	25 87
36 bushels oats,	15 84
1-4 " peas,	30
174 " potatoes,	69 60
8 " carrots,	2 00
2 " parsnips,	1 00
4 " beets,	2 00
4 " potato onions,	5 00
100 " turnips,	20 00
300 heads of cabbage,	10 00
Squash,	50
Grass seed,	1 50

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Pork,	50 00	
Bacon,	20 00	
Beef steak,	12 00	
Salt beef,	27 00	
Pie meat,	3 00	
Flour,	4 50	
60 lbs. lard,	6 00	
25 " butter,	5 00	
250 lbs. cheese,	22 59	
30 " sausages,	3 30	
45 " soap grease,	2 25	
20 " candles,	2 40	
60 " dried apples,	6 00	
Sugar and tea,	1 40	
Eggs,	30	
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Kerosene oil,	30	
2 1-4 bbls. vinegar,	9 00	
1 " pickles,	10 56	
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By Cash for stock sold,	282 80	
801 lbs. butter,	136 89	
Cheese sold,	2 67	
Other produce sold,	122 00	
Cash from the County,	75 20	
Due " "	12 00	
5,280 ft. pine boards at the mill,	58 08	
4,500 ft. chestnut plank at the mill,	58 50	
Oak boards, joist and fence rails,	9 00	
Betterments by building 18 rods of wall,	18 00	
" by ditching and drawing mud,	20 00	
" by putting in stairs and repair-		
ing milk cellar,	6 00	
Labor done off the Farm,	11 00	
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Whole amount of credit,	2,536 50	
" " debt,	2,524 56	
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Leaving a balance in favor of the Farm of		\$11 94

It will be seen by striking the balance between the income and expenditures of the Farm, that it has produced an income of eleven dollars and ninety-four cents, which is less than it has done in some former years, owing, in the first place, to a deficiency in some of the crops. That, for instance, of the apple crop being an entire failure, while that of oats was not more than one fourth the usual crop. In the second place, year before last, the corn, instead of being assorted, was put in a large bin altogether—the consequence of which was, from thirty to forty bushels of ears were taken out, which was almost worthless.—In the third place, owing to the decline which has taken place in the price of farm produce, within the year. Also, the fall of stock, which, had it been as high as last year, the Farm would have shown a handsome income over any previous year. There were, at the commencement of the year, eight Paupers at the Farm, all of which, with one exception, have died or been removed to the County Farm. Much credit is due Mr. and Mrs. King, for the manner in which they have managed the affairs of the Farm. It has been characterized by kind and humane treatment of those under their care, and with strict and rigid economy, in a financial point of view.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLARD PARKER,

OVERSEER OF POOR.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The office of the Superintending Committee, as now regulated by law, is one of no small responsibility. It is so under circumstances the most favorable; and cases sometimes arise, that require the exercise of much wisdom and decision.

The Apostle Paul, in one of the Epistles, mentions that in addition to his other labors, "the care of all the churches came upon him daily." The care of all the schools is a less sacred, but perhaps not less arduous undertaking. Be this as it may, in this town the past season, it has most assuredly been no sinecure. With respect to the summer term, the retrospect is favorable, but the same cannot be said of the winter term. With exception of a few favored districts, the schools have been more or less in a disturbed condition.

The attention of your committee has been repeatedly called to duties and services somewhat painful and perplexing.

In several instances, constrained by the force of circumstances, teachers left school before the expiration of the time, for which the engagement was made. This is always to be regretted, even when the state of things is such as to render such a course expedient.

For it is no doubt true of schools and school districts, as of states and empires, that it is better to suffer evils that are sufferable, rather than right themselves by too hasty resort to change and revolution.

But there are lights as well as shades in the picture. Amid all that is adverse and trying, there has been progress.

Education, like any good cause, may be checked and hindered, but its course will be onward. As a ship at sea, that is sometimes obliged to tack on account of the wind, still does not lose sight of the main course, but keeps it in view and gains upon it until she reaches the port of her destination.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Martha Woodbury, Teacher. This is a small school, and not very forward. Miss W. succeeded in awakening an interest in the children. She is well fitted to excite the young mind, and make elementary studies pleasant and attractive.

Her classes in reading deserve special notice. In this branch, she is very successful.

WINTER TERM.—The school was under the care of the same teacher, and with similar results. The remarks just made are still applicable. Any one might spend an hour pleasantly in observing her method of getting the attention of her pupils. Her early efforts give promise of future success.

It has been customary in past annual reports, to be very severe in the notice of the school house, but it seems to be rising from the low estimation into which it had fallen, as a garment so long

worn as to be out of date, will sometimes come again into fashion.

Much stress has been laid, especially of late, on a due regard to the laws of health in the construction of schoolhouses. With one of these laws there is a full compliance, as appears by the following extract from the register, "have the rooms any arrangement for ventilation? it has excellent."

DISTRICT NO. 2.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Sarah H. Prince, Teacher. Under this experienced teacher, the school made satisfactory progress. She spared no efforts to awaken the intellect and promote the advancement of her scholars. The walls of the house are furnished with outline maps, which were a great help in the study of geography. In the course of the season, a flag was raised, accompanied with patriotic demonstrations. Similar occasions occurred in districts 9 and 10.

WINTER TERM.—By the same teacher, who having taught here in former years, had the advantage of being well acquainted with the condition of the school. It was a large school, both in number and age of the scholars, and taxed all her energies of body and mind.

A query occurred to the mind of the committee, whether for such arduous duties, a male teacher would not be preferable, but God has designed the female to be the teacher of the young. She is adapted by nature for the work of instruction. The only doubt would be as to government, but if good government is maintained at home, there will be but little or no difficulty in the school-room. It should be mentioned to the credit of the older scholars, that they were on the side of good order. The conduct of some boys was very reprehensible. Of Miss P. as a teacher, it may be said as one of old, "she hath done what she could."

DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Mary F. Darrah, Teacher. In referring to the memorandum made at the time, this brief entry is found:—School small, appearances discouraging, but the teacher takes pains, and gives evidence of perseverance. The result at the close, very satisfactory.

WINTER TERM.—The school, under the same teacher, was small, but successful. A number of visitors at the close showed their interest in the exercises of the examination.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Mary N. Adams, Teacher. If the selection of a teacher may be compared, as that of another important character has been compared to a lottery, this district may feel that while in some years past they have drawn blanks, in this instance they drew a prize.

If the union of firmness and mildness, of dignity and attractiveness, of energy and aptness to teach, be desirable in a teacher, it

has seldom fallen to the lot of the committee to meet with one better fitted than Miss A. for the work of instruction. A large number of gratified spectators attended at the close.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. J. P. Varnum, Teacher. This gentleman is a recent graduate of Princeton College, N. J., and well qualified for the higher branches of instruction. But as sometimes happens with well educated teachers, success did not attend him. Some symptoms of dissatisfaction began to appear, not however to any great extent, and they might have subsided; but on New Year's day, the school house was fastened against the master, ("a custom more honored in the breach, than the observance,") and he, whether wisely or not, made forcible entrance, pressing open the door, and dispersing the scholars inside, some of whom made an uncereemonious exit by the window. In this unhappy affair, the trouble that previously existed, seemed to culminate; and as might be expected, the consequence was, the withdrawal of the teacher from the school.

The committee would abstain from making any comments, not having sufficient knowledge of all the circumstances, to form a correct opinion. The school has not been resumed the present season.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

SUMMER TERM.—Mrs. E. A. Stevens, Teacher. Amid the scenes of childhood, and in the place of her early education, Mrs. S. was called in providence, after an absence of years, to engage in the duties of instruction. And faithfully and successfully did she perform them. With a good number of scholars, a general good attendance, and a quiet, industrious course on the part of the teacher, the school made commendable progress, as was apparent to all who attended the exercises at the close.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Mary A. Dotey, Teacher. Miss D. came well recommended, passed a fair examination and commenced with encouraging prospects. But it soon appeared that these prospects were not to be realized. In managing the trust committed to her, she failed to secure the confidence of the parents, and the good will of her scholars. It became evident that the term was not as profitable as it might be rendered, by a course, on her part, more kind and conciliatory. The district has ever shown a disposition to sustain their teachers in maintaining good order; but unfortunately, in this case, there was severity of discipline not called for by the previous character and condition of the school. Without intending to lay all the blame on the teacher, and being aware that this was only her second engagement, the committee would add nothing further by way of criticism. Miss D. has sufficient education, which united with other essential qualifications, may render her useful in the employment of teaching. We must learn to govern *ourselves*, if we would acquire the art of governing *others*.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

SUMMER.—No school was sustained.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. Heald teacher. It is not saying too much of Mr. H. that he is worthy of the State from which he comes; a State that may be called the garden of education. Some threatening clouds lowered for a short time, but they passed away, and ever after it was clear sky. The term was long, and attended by an unusually large number of scholars. Much inconvenience was experienced, as in other schools, from the diversity of books, rendering it difficult to classify the scholars according to age and proficiency.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Fannie A. McPherson, Teacher. This small school pursued the even tenor of its way, under the care of Miss McP. whose mild and uniform course commands the esteem of parents and children.

WINTER TERM.—With but little variation, the school under the same teacher, made good improvement. A hopeful indication is the interest taken by the district, manifested by the attendance of a respectable number of visitors at the close of each term.

DISTRICT NO. 8,

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Lucy A. Holbrook, Teacher. The committee found but a small school, occupying the fine, commodious house, the district have provided. There is an animation in numbers when not too large, that gives an impulse to teacher and scholar. To her little charge, Miss H. was faithful, and acquitted herself to general satisfaction.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. K. F. Blaisdell, and Mr. G. A. Kittredge, Teachers. The term commenced under the auspices of Mr. B., a worthy young man, but who did not succeed in his efforts to keep a good school. Whether it was owing to some prejudice, connected with his teaching last year in another part of the town, or to some other cause, it is difficult to determine; but certain it is, that the scholars left *him*, and the only alternative he had, was to leave the *school*. With but little interruption, it was resumed under the instruction of Mr. K., and went on prosperously to the close. An improvement was exhibited, hardly to be expected, under the circumstances just stated. In no school in town, can there be found scholars more advanced in Arithmetic and Algebra.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Ellen M. Spalding, Teacher. This school, rather small and backward, but well conducted by Miss S. who devoted herself and attainments to the benefit of the children.

A pleasant examination closed the term.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Hannah T. W. Nevins, Teacher. Miss N. has deservedly the credit of maintaining good order. Her influence,

noiseless but controlling, pervades the school room. There is a steady, efficient government, that reaches every pupil. The result of such a course was highly beneficial. There was more mind to work upon, than in the summer term. Without entering into details, it is sufficient to say, that the school was a complete success; a proof of which was the continuance of it a few weeks by subscription.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss H. T. W. Nevins, Teacher. The school was what might be expected, under the care of one so competent to teach.

At the close, the visit was brief, on account of an engagement in another school. When about to close, an incident occurred, as agreeable as it was unexpected.

A beautiful little girl stepped forward, and presented to the committee a splendid bouquet, sweet and fragrant as the breath of early morning. Such little attentions, small as they seem, are among the things that smooth the rugged pathway of life.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. Charles H. Young, Teacher. This term the number was unusually large, and the instructor entered on the duties of his charge with fair prospects. Some murmurs of disapprobation were, at one time, heard, but they died away, and the school went on well to the close. This was Mr. Y's first attempt; he has some good traits of character, one of which is very important. If he happens to get off the track, he is very willing to be set right.

He left with the general sentiment in his favor.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Jennie Channell, Teacher. This school is small, made up from two towns, on the borders of which it stands. It has a pleasant and peaceable collection of pupils. At the close, Mr. Benjamin Ela, of Merrimack, aided in the examination. With this gentleman it is always pleasant to meet, officially or socially.

Here too there was a surprise donation of a bunch of flowers to each of the committee, so nearly alike that neither could claim the preference, in this delicate little token of regard.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Mary F. Darrah, Teacher. The term was in the Fall months, which were remarkably pleasant for the attendance of children. Miss D. gave herself to the work with untiring assiduity, and evidently felt a deep interest in the progress of her pupils. The examination at the close was attended, as in the summer, by the committee from both towns, and they are happy to bear united testimony to the good condition of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Abby A. Nichols, Teacher. If numbers are necessary to call forth the energies of a teacher, there was but little in this respect to excite interest. One thing may be mentioned to the credit of Miss N., that she brought out some to attend school,

who had not been in the habit of attendance. Nothing special occurs to the committee, calling for further remarks.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. John N. Mace, Teacher. Judging from appearances at the close, the school progressed beyond expectation.

Some exercises in arithmetic showed great advancement by the younger as well as older pupils, in this important branch of education. The occasion was rendered pleasant and interesting by the presence of several gentlemen, whose questions and remarks, aided much in the examination.

UNION DISTRICT.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Addie A. Crosby, Teacher. An accomplished young lady, with all the advantages of academical preparation, confining herself to five scholars, (such was the average number,) is a loss of intellectual and moral power, much to be regretted. Cannot something be done to counteract the sad effects of the subdivisions of districts?

WINTER TERM.—Miss Asenath P. McQueston, Teacher. There was something more, this term, to encourage and animate. In this, as well as the summer term, all was done that could be expected for the benefit of the school. It has a fair proportion of good scholars. It may be said that in such a school, there being more time to devote to each, a greater improvement, in proportion, might be expected; but it is the experience of our public schools, that the best progress is made, where the number is such as to admit of the formation of classes, which promote emulation, and otherwise exert a good influence, under the management of a judicious teacher.

In conclusion, the undersigned would express his grateful acknowledgement of the confidence reposed in him by the town, through so many years. Commending the cause to God, he now retires from all further official service in this capacity, with the hope, that while life lasts, he shall never cease to take that interest in our schools, which is the duty of every good citizen.

THOMAS SAVAGE.

Feb. 25, 1862.

STATISTICS.

Dist.	No. weeks.		Wages per mo.		No. scholars.		No. visits.	
	SUM.	WIN.	SUM.	WIN.	SUM.	WIN.	SUM.	WIN.
No. 1	9	10	\$17	\$20	19	14	11	5
2	10	11	15	20	32	39	22	25
3	12	12	12	14	13	9	43	33
4	14	5	18	26	24	29	60	20
5	10	12	3	20	25	25	27	13
6		16		22		25		15
7	10	11	12	12	14	19	13	14
8	12	12	10	20	11	24	31	30
9	8	10	8	14	15	20	15	12
10	10	10	12	19	21	32	10	50
11	10	7	13	18	17	10	26	10
12	12	12	8	22	12	15	10	22
Union.	6	7	8	12	8	12	10	20

NOTE. In the column of wages, some returns include board.

